

****IMPORTANT USE OF INDIANA HOUSSE POLICY CHANGE****

Over the course of Highly Qualified HOUSSE policy implementation, we have heard from many Local Educational Agencies. Based on these conversations throughout the 2010-11 school year, it has become apparent we need to initiate a review of our current Indiana HOUSSE policy.

After discussions with both the US DOE and the IDOE, we will expand Veteran Teacher eligibility concerning the continued use of the HOUSSE rubric. Effective immediately, if a teacher has demonstrated being Highly Qualified (HQ) in a Core Academic Subject (CAS) through the HOUSSE rubric prior to the end of the 2006-07 school year, the teacher will always be considered HQ in that CAS.

- This means a teacher would still be eligible to use HQ status through HOUSSE if the teacher left the CAS assignment for any reason and came back to teach that same CAS.
- It also means a teacher would remain HQ through HOUSSE in that CAS if the teacher changed school districts.
- It also means a teacher who was HQ through HOUSSE in another state would remain HQ through HOUSSE in Indiana in that CAS (as soon as the teacher held a full Indiana teaching license).

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Debbie Yates (dyates@doe.in.gov).